

# Marylanders in Support of the Climate Solutions Now Act of 2022

Dear Maryland House and Senate members,

We, the undersigned civic organizations, businesses, and elected officials urge you to immediately pass SB 528, the Climate Solutions Now Act of 2022. We ask you to pass a companion set of bills in the House, achieving the same climate, equity, and clean energy goals.

Those goals must include, without weakening:

1. A mandate to cut greenhouse gas emissions 60% by 2030 (below 2006 levels).
2. A requirement that all newly constructed buildings in Maryland have electric-only energy systems exempting only kitchen appliances.
3. Serious efforts to begin electrifying our transportation system starting with school buses and state-owned vehicles.
4. Robust climate investments in overburdened and low and moderate-income communities, including a Climate Justice Corps that will support clean energy projects and create jobs for young adults.
5. A Net Zero School Fund to assist local school systems in building net-zero schools.

The issue of justice, again, must be central. Following a proposed national standard, all efforts in Maryland to reduce harmful emissions must guarantee that at least 40% of climate investments and benefits accrue to disadvantaged communities. Communities of color in our state have historically suffered disproportionately from dirty energy and climate impacts. Our climate solutions must reach these communities first. The Climate Solutions Now Act, if passed without weakening amendments, will begin reversing these trends while taking concrete steps toward a carbon-free Maryland for all. Please pass it immediately.

Sincerely,

## Elected officials

Mayor Jake Day, City of Salisbury  
Councilwoman Christiana Rigby, Howard  
County Council, District 3  
Chairwoman Lisa Rodvien, Anne Arundel  
County Council District 6  
Council Member Sarah F. Lacey, Anne Arundel  
County Council District 1

## Organizations

350MoCo  
Alliance for Livable Communities  
Audubon Naturalist Society  
Audubon Society of Central MD  
BALTIMORE Blue+Green+Just  
Baltimore Tree Trust  
Baltimore-Washington Conference of the  
United Methodist Church Creation Care  
Action & Advocacy

Bazaar  
Blue Water Baltimore  
BotaniCuisine, LLC  
CASA  
Cedar Lane Church Environmental Team  
Cedar Lane Environmental Justice Ministry  
Charmington's Cafe  
Chesapeake Bay Foundation  
Chesapeake Climate Action Network  
Chesapeake Physicians for Social  
Responsibility  
Clean Water Lincroft, inc  
Climate Law & Policy Project  
Climate Reality Montgomery County  
Climate Reality Project Baltimore  
Creation Care Ministry of the DE-MD Synod  
Downtown Residents Advocacy Network  
(Baltimore)  
Elders Climate Action Maryland  
Emmanuel United Methodist Church, Laurel  
Environment Maryland  
Environmental Justice Ministry Cedar Lane  
Unitarian Universalist Church  
Episcopal Diocese of Md  
Glen Echo Heights Mobilization  
Greenbelt Climate Action Network  
GRID Alternatives Mid-Atlantic  
High Note Consulting, LLC  
Howard County Climate Action  
Indivisible Howard County  
Interfaith Power & Light (DC.MD.NoVA)  
Jewish Community Relations Council/Jewish  
Federation of Howard County  
Ji'Aire's Workgroup Mental Health and  
Wellness  
League of Women Voters Maryland  
Maryland Campaign for Environmental  
Human Rights  
Maryland Catholics for Our Common Home  
Maryland League of Conservation Voters  
Maryland Legislative Coalition

Maryland Ornithological Society  
Maryland Public Health Association  
Maryland Sierra Club  
MaryPIRG Student Climate Action Coalition  
Maxedoutsolar  
MD Peace Action  
Montgomery Countryside Alliance  
Montgomery County Young Democrats  
Mother Earth Project  
Neighborhood Sun Benefit Corp  
NeighborSpace of Baltimore County  
Our Revolution, Howard County, MD  
Prince George's County Young Democrats  
Public Justice Center  
Quaker Voice of Maryland  
Rachel Carson Council  
Rebuild Maryland Coalition  
Rock Creek Conservancy  
Safe Skies Maryland  
Sandy Spring Meeting of the Religious  
Society of Friends  
ShoreRivers  
Solar Energy Industries Association  
Stone house Collective LLC  
Strong Future Maryland  
Sunrise Movement Baltimore  
Sunrise Movement Howard County  
Takoma Park Mobilization Environment  
Committee  
The Biz Center Renewable Energy Incubator  
The Green Commuter  
The Protest Chaplains of the Diocese of  
Maryland  
The Wise Steward, Inc.  
Transition Howard County  
Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry of  
Maryland  
Waterkeepers Chesapeake  
WISE